Welcome to Psy 652 Lab!
Module 4:
Statistical Power

Objectives

- Explain statistical power

- Learn to calculate sample sizes from power & effect sizes via:
  - Murphy, Myors & Wolach (2014) Appendix E
  - G*Power

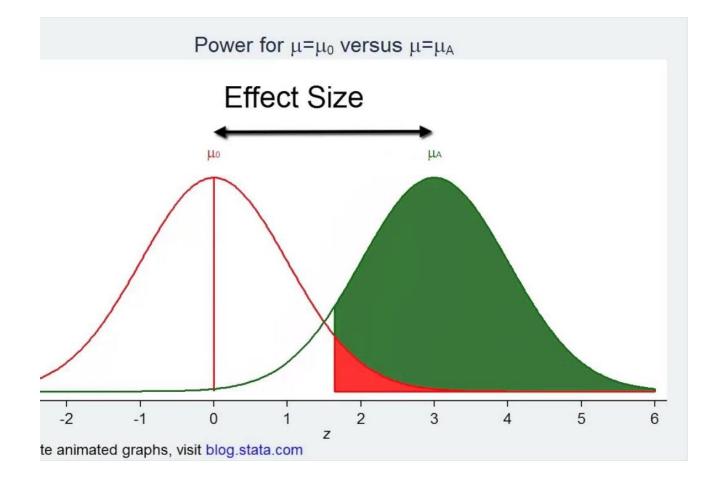## We will NOT be using R today!

(But you <u>can</u> do power calculations in R using the "pwr" package)

What is statistical power?

- **Power** = The probability of finding an effect (Assuming there is an effect) from our sample.
  - So, a power of .80 means that we have an 80% chance of detecting the effect in our sample *given the effect is there.*
  - In general, we desire to have a power level of .80 or better. Anything under .80 is generally considered insufficiently powered.

- We often use power a-priori to determine what a sufficient sample size will be. **If you are applying for a grant, you will likely need a power analysis!**

  - To determine **sample size**, we need 3 things:
    1. An **alpha value (α)** – The probability of getting a type I error (Usually set α = .05 in psychology)
    2. An **effect size** (Determined through the literature – Meta analyses!)
    3. A desired **power (1 - β) level** (Usually set to .80)

What is an effect size?

- Effect size = The ***standardized*** difference between your groups or the proportion of variance explained.

- There are many type of effect sizes (Cohen's-d, PV, Odds ratios, R^2 etc.)
  - In this lesson, we will use PV and Cohen's-d

Power for $\mu=\mu_0$ versus $\mu=\mu_A$

Effect Size

μ_0 μ_A

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Effect size, α, sample size, study complexity, and power: A relationship

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- As α increases, so does power
  - Consequence: You increase the chance of making a type I error
    - A type I error is the chance to say an effect exists, when it does not exist

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- As study complexity increases, power decreases
  - For example: All else equal, a study with 4 comparison groups will have less power than a study with 3 comparison groups

Today we will be covering two methods to calculate sample sizes

1. Murphy, Myors & Wolach (2014) Appendix E (Available in Canvas)

2. G*Power (A downloadable power calculator program for Mac & Windows)

   - https://www.psychologie.hhu.de/arbeitsgruppen/allgemeine-psychologie-und-arbeitspsychologie/gpower.html

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Orange = Effect size (d or PV)

Green = df_{Err}

*Terms defined on next slide

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THE END PRODUCT!

How to use Appendix E to get sample size

1. Identify your df_{Hyp}
    - The number or groups (or predictors) minus 1 (groups – 1)
2. Determine your **effect size**
    - Normally found in the literature via meta analyses
3. Determine the df_{Err} using your df_{Hyp} and **effect size**
4. Calculate the **sample size**
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- Sample Size: df_{hyp} + df_{Err} +1

- 1 + 73 + 1 = **75**

- We need **75** participants to reach a power of .80

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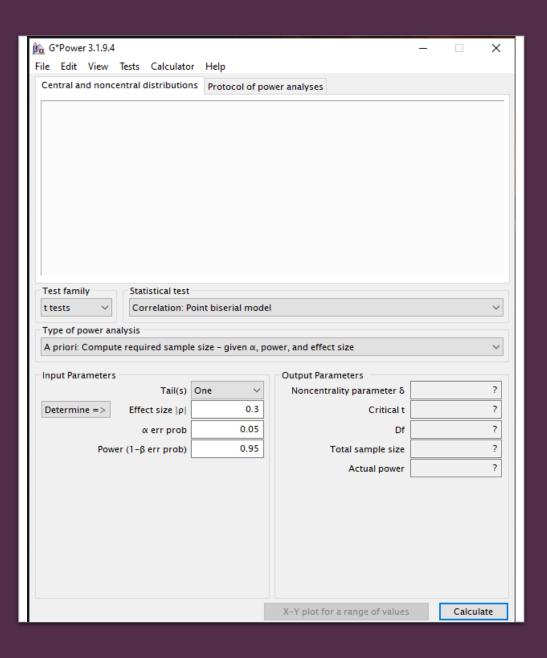
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.19	0.97	36	44	50	55	59	63	67	70	73	77	82	90	101	119	136	163	227
.20	1.00	34	42	47	52	56	60	64	67	69	73	77	85	96	112	129	154	214
.22	1.06	30	37	42	47	51	54	57	60	62	65	70	76	86	102	116	139	194
.24	1.12	27	34	39	42	46	49	52	54	57	59	63	69	78	93	105	128	178
.26	1.19	25	31	35	38	42	44	47	49	52	54	58	63	71	85	96	117	163
.28	1.25	22	28	32	35	38	41	43	45	48	49	53	58	65	78	90	107	152
.30	1.31	21	26	30	32	35	37	40	42	44	45	49	53	61	72	83	100	142
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.42	1.70	13	17	19	20	23	24	26	27	29	30	32	36	40	48	55	67	96
.44	1.77	12	15	18	20	21	23	24	26	27	28	30	33	38	45	52	64	91

- df$_{Err}$ = 54

- Sample Size:
  df$_{hyp}$ + df$_{Err}$ +1

- 6 + 54 + 1 = **61**

- We need **61** participants to reach a power of .80

Method 2:
G*Power

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- Great Power calculator
- Allows you to Calculate sample size (Given power, α, and effect size)
- You can also calculate the power of a study (sample size, α, and effect size)
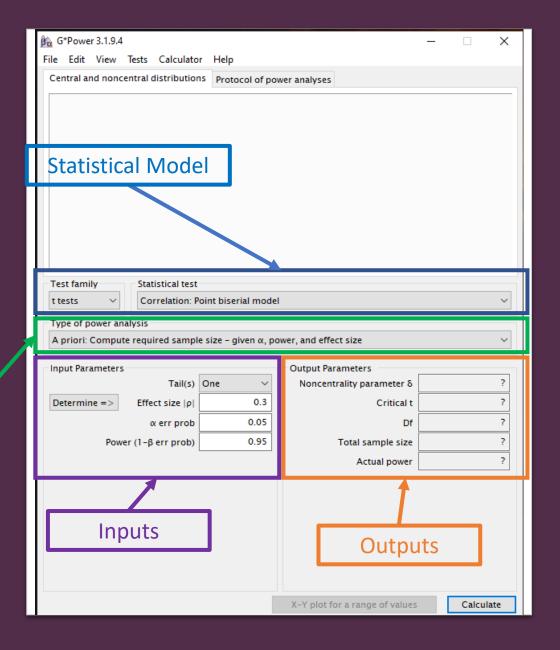- …And more!

A-priori vs post-hoc power analysis

- **A-priori** = When you run the power analysis ***BEFORE*** you run the study to determine the sample size.

- **Post-hoc** = When you run the power analysis ***AFTER*** you run the study to determine how much power the study had.

A-priori is preferred, but sometimes we find ourselves in situations where **the only option we have is a post-hoc analysis**.

The G*Power Calculator

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An a-priori example (t-test)

Tails = Two (Because we never indicated a direction of effect)

Effect size = .12

α = .05

Power = .8

Allocation ratio = 1 (Change this only if you suspect your group sizes will be different)

An a-priori example (t-test)

Total sample size needed = 2184 for a desired power of .80!

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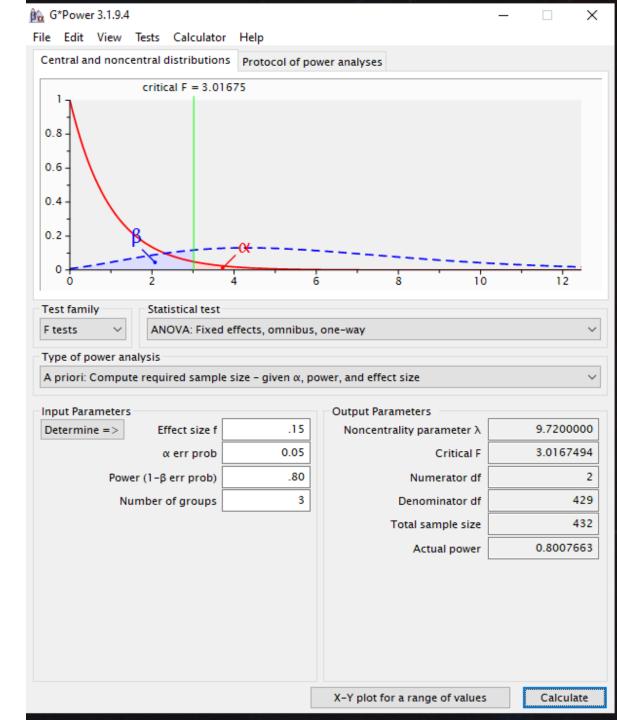
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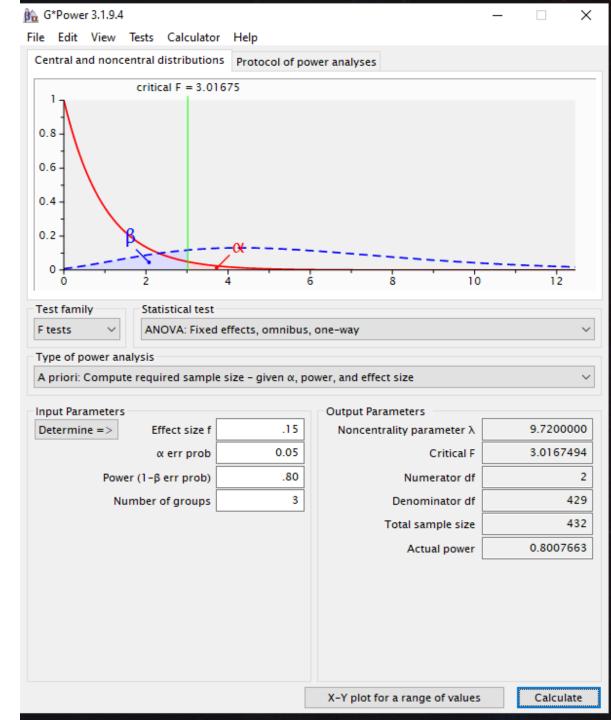
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- **Power** = .80

- **Number of groups** = 3

Another a-priori example (Omnibus ANOVA)

Total sample size needed = 432 for a desired power of .80!
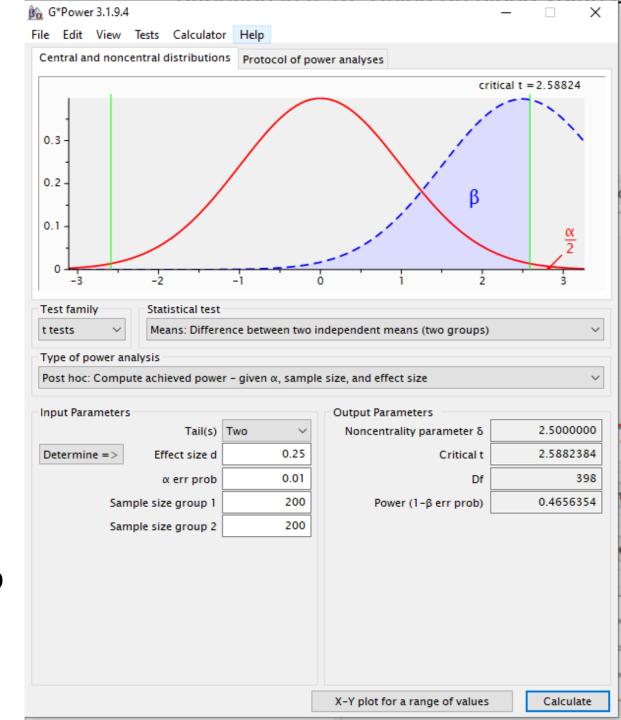
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- **α** = .01

- **Sample size (1 & 2)** = 200 in each group

A post-hoc example (t-test)

Your study had power of .465, meaning you only had a 46.5% chance of detecting the effect.

This was extremely underpowered!
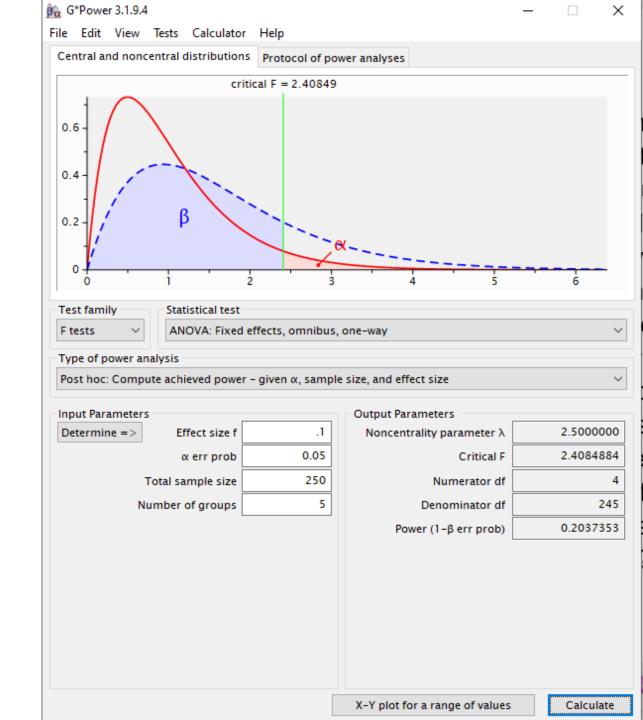
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- **Effect size** = .10

- **α** = .05

- **Sample size** = 250

- **Number of groups** = 5

In conclusion

- Power is the probability you will detect the effect (i.e. a power of .70 means you have a 70% chance of detecting the effect)
- Power analyses are essential to any study
- Effect size, alpha value, and sample size drive how much power you have
- You learned two methods to calculating power:
  - Murphy, Myors & Wolach (2014) Appendix E
  - G*Power

- *Now do the assignment on Canvas!*